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Williams Criticizes Non-Profits Bill



Watertown Legislator Says Public Employee Unions are the Only Winners

HARTFORD- In Special Session this past week, the State House of Representatives passed a contracting reform bill which, according to Representative Sean Williams (R-Watertown), essentially helps perpetuate adding more state employees to the state payroll, and renders ineffective the ability to cost-save when privatizing certain government services.

The bill requires any non-profit organization that is selected buy the state to provide certain government services to receive the same prevailing wage that government employees receive, eliminating one of the aspects of privatizing government services that could potentially save the state millions of dollars.

After the vote Rep. Williams said, "I have never once had a constituent call me to say that they don't think we have enough state employees. All this legislation will do is put private non-profits out of business so that state employee bargaining units can grow. It's flat out wrong and demonstrates just how much power and influence the public employee unions have in the legislature."

"This isn't going to help the disabled or the destitute," added Williams. "It isn't going to help the good non-profits that provide quality social services, and it certainly isn't going to help the taxpayers of this state who are going to be left to pick up the bill. This is just one more glaring example of the majority party's pandering to the public employee union bosses plain and simple."

The bill, SB 2101, passed the House on an 85-51 vote, with only three Democrats voting against it. The bill now heads to governor Rell for her signature.